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ALTERNATIVE HOME FOR THE ASIATIC LIONS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the Kunopalpur Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh as an alternative home for the Asiatic lion from Gir forest of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has shifted some lions to the alternative habitat so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the results of such relocation so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)& (b) Yes, Sir. The Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun carried out a survey in 1993-94 in various protected areas and forests of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, and finally recommended the Kuno-Palpur sanctuary in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh as most suitable site for establishing an alternate home for Asiatic lion.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.